

The FCC new rule on fax communications will place an unnecessary burden on our organization and our 8,000 members. This method of communication is, in fact, preferred by many of our members, as opposed to e-mail or US Mail. For years we have sought our member preferences through annual inquiries and believe that this regulation is inappropriate.

The requirement to seek prior written authorization is cumbersome and an unnecessary business expense. It also is an unreasonable intrusion on our members who have come to expect that we respect their preferences as we inquire annually through the dues billing process. We also inquire as to member desires to receive e-mail messages and respect those preferences as well.

I respectfully request that the FCC reconsider this onerous and unnecessary regulation. However, if the FCC has empirical evidence that this is appropriate, I would appreciate the opportunity to review that information.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

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